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# MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Metropolitan Nashville Police

Department is to provide community-based police products to the public so they can experience a safe and peaceful Nashville.

# MISSION VALUES

In carrying out our mission, members of the department will continue to value:

- Organizational Excellence and Professionalism
  - ♦ The Impartial Enforcement of the Law
  - The People We Serve and Each Other
    - Problem-Solving Partnerships
      - Open Communications
        - ♦ Ethics and Integrity

# LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

To the Citizens of Nashville:



Thanks to your partnership with the dedicated and motivated men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department, overall major crime during 2006 declined for the third straight year to the lowest level since 1990. Outstanding police work, combined with support from communities throughout the city, led to reductions in homicide, rape, aggravated assault, auto theft, and larceny. The overall crime rate, which is based on Nashville's population estimate, was the lowest since 1989. The violent crime rate dropped to a 16-year low. The property crime rate fell to a 27-year low. All six precincts experienced overall crime reduction during 2006.

I am exceptionally proud of our police officers who have increased their proactive, self-initiated activities by 70% over the past three years in their quest to reduce crime and enhance the quality of life in all areas of

Nashville. I am also tremendously grateful for the critical support we continue to receive from Nashville's families and businesses. I am pleased to note that the number of neighborhood watch groups that work with our precincts increased by 14% during 2006 to a new total of 353.

Despite our successes, we are not truly safe as a city until every neighborhood feels safe. Crime does continue to find roots in certain areas of Nashville. The men and women of this police department accept the challenge to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in every community. In that regard, the police department is continuing its efforts to encourage neighborhood leaders to help families regain control of wayward youth. The significant juvenile crime issue is illustrated by the fact that one-fourth of all robbery arrests made by the police department in 2006 were of persons under the age of 18. Moreover, 80% of the juveniles arrested for serious crime (homicide, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, drugs, or weapons violations) had been previously arrested. More than half had been previously found delinquent. Members of the clergy have heard the call and are engaged in working to bring young people back into the fold through family support and outreach. This issue remains on the front burner for law enforcement. Ultimately, the legislature may be asked to enact tougher laws to better impact juveniles who refuse efforts to educate and rehabilitate. The same holds true for adult offenders. The support of a city's elected chief executive and legislative body is a vitally important element of public safety. The police department is sincerely thankful for the tremendous support of Mayor Bill Purcell and the members of the Metropolitan Council. They have provided the resources for our officers to work smarter and more efficiently than ever before.

In closing, thank you for your support and confidence. Working together, we can ensure that Nashville continues to be a safe and special place to live, work, and raise a family.

Ronal W. Serpas - Chief of Police

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# MNPD 200th ANNIVERSARY AND THE BADGE

In consideration of the 200th year of police service to Nashville, Chief Ronal Serpas and the executive staff authorized a badge to commemorate the departmental bicentennial anniversary for use during the calendar year 2006.

Captain Mike Hagar undertook the task of researching and designing a badge that would represent the history of the police force created in 1806 through the merger of the city and county government in 1963. Some of the earliest known badges date from the late 1800's. Utilizing those designs with an inscription to describe over 200 years of service, Captain Hagar created the design. The letters and numbers were blue hard enamel and the appropriate rank and numbers were used.

A survey was conducted among the sworn officers to determine interest in the Bicentennial badge. Sworn members of the department overwhelmingly supported a symbolic badge. The badge was permanently retired on January 1, 2007, and Chief Serpas granted permission for

all sworn personnel to keep their assigned badges. Photographs of the designs for the Bicentennial Badge, which replicates the style of the badge worn during 1880 and 1890, appear below.

Captain Hagar was also instrumental in obtaining approval and authorization for a replication of the badge as a pin for civilians, and a set of miniature badges duplicating badges from 1806 to 2006. Captain Hagar designed the Bicentennial Chief's coin that is pictured at the right.

The late Mr. Eddie Ashmore, a historical researcher, published the book, "Tennessee Lawman, History of the Men and Women Behind the Badge" and graciously allowed the department permission to republish his account of Nashville law enforcement history in the Bicentennial Annual.





# REMEMBERING YESTERDAY....

Members of a relief or shift of the Nashville Police Department in the 1870s. They were wearing a military style uniform and carrying an essential piece of equipment, a night stick. Batons carried by the day patrol were shorter in length. They wore the shield-cut-out-star style breast badge that was worn into the twentieth century. No hat badge was worn.



Picture Above:
Radio Patrolman Carmen
Earsel "Big Jim" Dorman,
left, and his partner were
assigned to the Nashville
Police Department's first
radio equipped patrol cars
in 1936.







# Picture Below: **Equipment of Early Lawmen**:

Left - Rattle used to raise an alarm and call help Center - Lantern to light the way on dark streets Right - Nippers to latch onto the wrist of a prisoner









Nashville Patrolman Bert Shotwell circa 1890, wearing the issue winter uniform and helmet. The heavy frock coats worn in winter were warm, but could be dangerous. The top coats covered the officer's sidearm and even though the weapon could be drawn through the pocket of the garment, the officer might be shot before he got his gun out.

For More Info: www.tennesseelawman.com

#### CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Metropolitan Police Department's Citizen Police Academy held its 18th session and invited Nashvillians interested in better understanding their police department to apply for the twelve-week course that began on February 28, 2006. Sessions were held on Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. through May 16 in the community room of the Hermitage Precinct, 3701 James Kay Lane.



Participants in the Citizen Police Academy learned about the intricacies of police work through the perspective of a variety of guest speakers, including members of the police department's various specialized components. "Our Citizen Police Academy offers a unique, tremendous opportunity for Nashvillians to learn first hand how our officers are working in neighborhoods every day to improve the quality of life and get lawbreakers off our streets," Chief Ronal Serpas said. Each applicant committed to attending at least ten of the twelve sessions, were Davidson County residents, at least 21 years old and had no arrest record, excluding minor traffic violations. While completion of the course gives citizens an understanding of the workings of the Metropolitan Police Department, it does not make a participant a certified law enforcement officer, nor is it designed to train citizens to perform law enforcement duties. On May 16, 2006, forty-two persons from neighborhoods throughout Nashville, which included 24 volunteer police chaplains, graduated from the 18th session of the Metropolitan Police Department's Citizen Police Academy. Mayor Purcell and Chief Serpas were on hand to congratulate the graduates.

The 19th session of the Citizen Police Academy, began its 10-week run on October 24, 2006. Electives, including a ride along with a police officer and basic firearms instruction, were offered. "Eight hundred persons from all walks of life have graduated from our Citizen Police Academy over the past eleven years," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "It is an extremely worthwhile program and a very imposed part of our community outreach."



# INVESTIGATORS OF THE YEAR

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, veteran homicide detectives Pat Postiglione and Bill Pridemore were named the Metropolitan Police Department's Investigators of the Year for 2005.

Sergeant Postiglione, 54, a 25-year police department veteran, and Detective Pridemore, 52, a 30-year police department veteran, were honored for their relentless work over the past several years to bring closure to the 1996 Janet March missing person case that turned into a murder investigation. Due in significant part to their efforts, the Davidson County Grand Jury in December 2004 returned a second-degree murder indictment against Janet's husband, Perry. He was expelled from Mexico last August. "The outstanding work on this case by Sergeant Postiglione and Detective Pridemore brought relief to Janet March's parents and hope to the families of other cold case murder victims," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "I am extremely proud of their efforts."



Detective Bill Pridemore (left) and Sergeant Pat Postiglione (center) receive congratulations from Chief Ronal Serpas.

Also on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, South Precinct Detective Brad Corcoran was named the Metropolitan Police Department's Field Operations Investigator of the Year for 2005.

Corcoran, 48, an 18-year police department veteran, was honored for his exemplary work on the Christina Hunt murder case last summer. Hunt was last seen alive in Nashville on June 23, 2005 as she pulled away from a fast food restaurant on Nolensville Pike. She was soon reported missing by her family. After talking to Hunt's family and friends, Corcoran believed that foul play was involved and that Hunt had likely been murdered. After weeks of intense, painstaking investigation, Hunt's body was found on August 4 in rural Smith County near the home of her former boyfriend, Jeffrey Trusty. Trusty was arrested days later on a grand jury indictment charging him with first-degree murder and aggravated kidnapping. "Detective Corcoran's persistence and diligence in this investigation were simply outstanding," Chief Ronal Serpas said.



Detective Brad Corcoran, left, receives congratulations from Chief Ronal Serpas.

### NEW CAPTAINS PROMOTED

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Chief Ronal Serpas and Mayor Bill Purcell congratulated three lieutenants who were being promoted to the rank of captain effective April 16, 2006.

New **Captain Rich Foley** is a ten-year police department veteran who most recently served as the afternoon shift commander at the South Precinct. Captain Foley was promoted to sergeant in March of 2001 and to lieutenant in August of 2004. He is now one of the Department's Field Supervisors and oversees police operations during the overnight hours.

New **Captain Marlene Pardue** is a 17-year police department veteran who most recently served as the supervisor over the Homicide-Cold Case Unit. Captain Pardue was promoted to sergeant in November of 1993 and to lieutenant in July of 1998. She now commands the police department's Youth Services Division.

New **Captain Jason Reinbold** is an eleven-year police department veteran who most recently served as the day shift commander at the Hermitage Precinct. Captain Reinbold was promoted to sergeant in March of 2001 and to lieutenant in August of 2004. He now assists Deputy Chief Bishop in the administration of the Field Operations Bureau.



Pictured (I-r) are Mayor Purcell, Captain Jason Reinbold, Captain Marlene Pardue, Captain Rich Foley and Chief Serpas

### ODD FELLOW AWARDS

Outstanding police work by Hermitage Precinct Officer Rodney Harbin that led to the arrest of a home burglar and the recovery of stolen merchandise in April of 2005 has now earned Harbin the Judge John L. Draper Joint Nashville Police Odd Fellow Award for the first half of 2005. Harbin received a \$500 cash award during a ceremony on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006.

On April 26, 2005, Harbin stopped a car at Fairfield Avenue and Trimble Street and cited the driver for running a stop sign. The vehicle was reported stolen and the passenger was listed as the suspect. During questioning, the passenger admitted to a Catalina Drive home burglary and the theft of electronic equipment, the vehicle and nearly \$5,000 cash. The passenger also admitted to a Hagan Street home burglary during which a television, microwave, jewelry and a CD player were taken. Much of the merchandise was in the vehicle at the time of the stop. "Officer Harbin's alert police work took a burglar off our streets before he could go to someone else's home," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "I am proud of his dedication and am very appreciative to the Odd Fellows of Nashville for recognizing the tremendous efforts of our officers."

For 46 years, the Odd Fellows of Nashville has sponsored this award, which is given twice a year to an officer below the rank of lieutenant who makes an arrest of a person already wanted, or who makes a criminal case based on the original citing of a traffic law violator.

Other nominees for the first half of 2005 were Officer Harold Burke, Officer Russell Nicoll, Officer James Pearce, Officer William Jackson, Officer Jon McVey, Officer Brian Clark and Officer Christopher Brooks.



Hermitage Officer Rodney Harbin received a \$500 cash award from the Odd Fellows of Nashville for a traffic stop he made that led to a burglary arrest and the recovery of stolen property. Pictured (L-R) Chief Ronal Serpas, Hilary Linger representing the Odd Fellows of Nashville, Odd Fellows Award Program Administrator Shannon Warren, Officer Harbin and Bob Pritchett representing the Odd Fellows of Nashville.

Outstanding police work by South Precinct Officer Keith Stephens that led to the arrest of a teenage homicide suspect and gun thieves in December of 2005 year has now earned Stephens the Judge John L. Draper Joint Nashville Police Odd Fellow Award for the second half of 2005. Stephens received a \$500 cash award during a ceremony on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

On December 28, 2005, Officer Stephens stopped a car for speeding on Edmondson Pike near the Brandywine Apartments. An obvious odor of marijuana was present in the car, the driver's license was suspended and he was out on bond for weapons possession and a felony marijuana charge. During a search of the car, Officer Stephens found a loaded semi-automatic pistol in the trunk. The gun had been stolen during a burglary of a Metro police officer's South Nashville home. Officer Stephens then went to the driver's apartment. Inside was the suspect's brother who was wanted for failure to appear in court on a murder indictment. Two additional pistols and marijuana were recovered from the apartment. Based on the investigation, two more guns that had been taken in a home burglary were recovered in Rutherford County. "Officer Stephens' alert police work was directly responsible for taking some very dangerous young people off our streets," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "These guns could have been used to terrorize innocent persons in robberies or other crimes here and in Rutherford County. Moreover, and just as important, this traffic stop resulted in an accused murderer being brought back into custody to be held accountable by our court system."

Other nominees for the second half of 2005 were Officers Greg Davis, Doug Bell, Matthew Atnip, Taylor Schmitz, Tiffany Rhea, John Donegan, Jason Kausch, Carl Stocks, Candace Jones, Russell Nicoll, Gerald Gomes, Edmond Strickling, Jasper Humphreys, Corey Wilson, Justin Pachciarz, Robert McIsaac, James King, Steve Underwood, Alisha Shoates and David Hacker.



South Precinct Flex Officer Keith Stephens received the Judge John L. Draper Joint Nashville Police Odd Fellow Award for the second half of 2005. The award came with a \$500 cash prize. Pictured (I-r) are Chief Ronal Serpas, Officer Stephens and the Odd Fellow Association's Patrick Wells.

# PRECINCT OF THE YEAR

Chief Ronal Serpas and Mayor Bill Purcell presented West Precinct Commander Mickey Miller with 2005 Precinct of the Year honors during a community celebration April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006. During 2005, West Nashville officers and citizens partnered to lead the department's six precincts in crime reduction with an overall drop of 11.99%. Violent crime declined 4.84%, while property crime fell by 13.11%.



Chief Ronal Serpas presents Commander Mickey Miller with a uniform pin designating Miller's West Precinct as the police department's 2005 Precinct of the Year. To the left of Chief Serpas is Mayor Bill Purcell. To the right of Commander Miller is West Precinct Investigative Lieutenant Nancy Fielder.



West Precinct's 2005 Management Team: (I-r) Lieutenant Matt Pylkas, Community Coordinator Sergeant Connie Tripp, Lieutenant Phil Wigger, Lieutenant Nancy Fielder, Commander Mickey Miller and Captain Jason Reinbold.

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# NEW TECHNOLOGY AIDS RECOVERY OF STOLEN VEHICLES

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Chief Ronal Serpas and representatives of LoJack Corporation announced the availability of technology in the Nashville and Middle Tennessee areas that allows law enforcement to more quickly recover stolen vehicles. Stolen vehicles equipped with the LoJack system emit a signal that is picked up by special receivers in police cars enabling officers to take action. Thirty-six Metro police cars and 4 helicopters are now outfitted with the receivers. The special receivers and installation of them are provided to police departments at no cost. Nineteen Middle Tennessee law enforcement agencies are planning on using the LoJack system.



Chief Ronal Serpas, along with Chiefs and officers from surrounding law enforcement agencies, announced the availability of the LoJack system, a new tool to combat auto theft.



This police car, driven by Officer Robert Butler, is one of 36 Metro Police cars equipped with Special LoJack receivers.



This police helicopter is equipped with a receiver.

#### MNPD AWARDS CEREMONY

More than 70 citizens and police officers were honored on April 26, 2006, during the Metro Police Department's annual awards ceremony. Chief Serpas and Mayor Purcell awarded the recipients with plaques, certificates and uniform ribbons for acts of heroism, bravery and outstanding performance during 2005.

"I am very proud of the dedicated men and women of the police department who are committed to making a difference every day," said Chief Serpas. "I am also very proud of the tremendous support we receive every day from citizens in neighborhoods throughout Nashville."



L-R: Mayor Purcell, Sgt. Gene Martin, Officer Dan Alford, Officer Ryan Perkins, Chief Ronal Serpas

#### **Citizens Commendation Awards**

Mr. Emerson Boguskie

Mr. Michael Brady

Mr. Darrell Fisher

Mr. Kenny Hudson

Mr. Tommy Isom

Mrs. Karen Kirby

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Ms. Steve Kirby

Mr. Carlos Nester

Mr. Jamie Norvell

Mr. Eric Reed

Mr. Jason Reed

Mr. Robert Robinette

Mr. Patrick Stephens

Mr. Josh Stewart

Mr. David Vincent

## Police Officer Award & Distinguished Service Award

Officer Dan Alford

#### **Meritorious Service Award**

Officer Robert Doak

**Detective Michael Donaldson** 

Sergeant Jason Duncan

**Detective Michael Galluzzi** 

Officer Scott Henkel

#### **Lifesaving Award**

Sergeant Stephen Beck

Officer Daniel Cage

Sergeant William Mackall

Officer Sung Jun Park

Sergeant Jeffrey Sanders

Lt. Philip Wigger

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#### **Exemplary Service Award**

Officer John Donnelly
Officer Paul Harris
Officer Andrew Injaychock
Sergeant Gene Martin
Detective Randy Martin
Officer Ryan Perkins
Detective Corey Sanderson
Officer Mickey Yentes

#### **Department Commendation**

Officer Robert Allen, III **Detective Matthew Atnip** Officer Robert Butler Officer Cedric Connolly **Detective Randy Eatherly** Sergeant Michael Eby Officer Kenneth Elkins Sergeant Matthew England **Detective William Estes** Officer Brian Ewing Officer Randall Fowler Officer Paul Harris Officer Vincent Hill Officer Brad Houser Officer Jason Hunter Officer Andrew Injaychock Officer Gregory Julia Officer Robert Morris

#### **Special Commendation**

FBI Special Agent Christopher Ranney

#### **Efficiency Service Award**

Sergeant Anthony Bourk
Detective Scott Byrd
Sgt. Michael Dioguardi
Ms. Tiffany Hansen
Det. Chad Holman
Det. Timothy Sneed

Officer Jason Orsbon **Detective Michael Park** Officer Mackovis Peebles Officer Joe Pennington Sergeant Justin Pinkelton Officer John Richards Ms. Janisca Rodriguez **Detective Ricky Roll** Officer Shane Shetler Sergeant William Smith Officer Timothy Sullivan **Detective Russell Thompson Detective Joseph Towers** Officer Daniel Turner Officer Russell Ward Sergeant Jeff White **Detective Charles Widener** Officer Michael Wilson

Officer Jamie Underwood



L-R: Mayor Purcell, Janisca Rodriguez, Chief Serpas

#### OPERATION SAFER STREETS

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Chief Ronal Serpas announced the creation of Operation Safer Streets, a three-pronged plan that greatly enhances police department gang investigations, precinct-based criminal investigations and adds increased uniformed officer visibility downtown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Beginning May 19, 2006, 28 Specialized Investigations Division narcotics detectives were dedicated to undercover gang enforcement duties once a month (this is in lieu of their traditional monthly "Mission One" assignment). These detectives, alone, add seven additional officers each week to gang sweeps, enforcement and intelligence gathering activities. They are joined by two officers from each of the six precincts, an ATF agent, a gang expert from the Davidson County Sheriff's office and the police department's six-member gang unit. "I am very excited that a team of 25 Metro officers are taking part in gang investigations at least once a week," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "Precinct commanders play a major role in deciding which hot spots will be targeted. The commitment of resources from the ATF and Sheriff's Office are welcomed, and I thank ATF Special Agent in Charge Jim Cavanaugh and Sheriff Daron Hall."

The beefed up gang investigations take place throughout Nashville and involve gangrelated drug enforcement, the saturation of areas frequented by gang members and undercover surveillance.

"There's no doubt in my mind that gang members feel our presence and that this effort brings relief to neighborhoods," Serpas said. Chief Serpas also announced that for the first time since detective decentralization to the precincts, new investigator positions were added June 1, 2006, to assist in handling homicide, robbery, assault and property crime cases. Of the 14 new detective positions, the North Precinct received five, the East Precinct four, the South Precinct three, the West Precinct one and the Hermitage Precinct one. "As we gradually increase staffing through our aggressive hiring program, we are able to dedicate officers to important investigative positions," Serpas said. "Precinct detectives and those in centralized components have done an incredible job while we held the line on patrol staffing, but they need help and it is on the way. It is my expectation that more investigative resources will result in more cases being cleared and more dangerous criminals going to jail." The Investigative Services Bureau received four new detectives in June of 2006.

The third component of Operation Safer Streets put four uniformed officers on walking beats downtown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The four officers, who are on overtime, are on duty from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. each night and cover the area from 1st to 4th Avenues between Demonbreun and Church Streets. "The primary mission of these officers is to deter disorder in the hours after midnight when the downtown bars close," Chief Serpas said. "These officers are highly visible and conduct bar checks in the early morning hours in an effort to identify potential problem situations before they can spill onto the streets." Central Precinct Commander Andy Garrett instituted a similar program last year with positive results.

The three components of Operation Safer Streets are in effect until further notice and have been designed to have an impact on deterring crime. The program is designed to have an impact on pushing overall major crime, which is down nearly 11% in 2006, even lower; and build on the previous year's successes that reduced overall major crime to its lowest level since 1991.



Chief Ronal Serpas announces Operation Safer Streets from Riverfront Park in downtown Nashville.



Special Investigations Division Captain Todd Henry details the enhanced gang enforcement initiative. To the right of Henry are ATF Assistant Special Agent in Charge Ron Turk and Davidson County Sheriff Daron Hall.



Central Precinct Commander Andy Garrett details the duties of the four additional officers who are on walking patrol downtown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Behind Garrett are (I-r) Deputy Police Chief Joseph Bishop, South Precinct Commander Rick Lankford, West Precinct Commander Mickey Miller and Deputy Police Chief Steve Anderson.

#### THEODORE ROOSEVELT ASSOCIATION POLICE AWARD

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Hermitage Precinct Detective Jeff Ball was honored as the latest recipient of the prestigious Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award. The award was bestowed during a luncheon ceremony at the Hermitage Precinct. The Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award is given to a police officer who has rendered outstanding and praiseworthy service to the department and the community despite a serious handicap, illness or injury.

On the morning of February 19, 1987, Ball, then a police department motorcycle officer, was riding to work on Broadway when a taxicab turned into his path at the intersection of 12th Avenue South. Officer Ball and the motorcycle slammed into the cab. The collision actually

threw Ball over the roof of the taxi. He landed hard on the concrete sidewalk. The crash broke Ball's pelvis, both wrists, his left knee, ruptured his bladder and fractured vertebrae in his spine. He was rushed to Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Soon after he regained consciousness, Ball learned from the Trauma Unit staff that they had been told not to give him "false hope." He was not expected to live. Jeff Ball was determined not to answer death's knock and began a long, hard road toward recovery. He underwent several surgeries and many months of rehabilitation. His injuries forced him to take disability for a short time, but he had made up his mind about returning to the career he loved. "I had wanted to be a police officer from the time I was five or six," Ball said. "I enjoyed my work—and I wasn't ready to retire." In 1988, Ball returned to the job. For four years he worked in traffic accident investigation. He then moved to robbery investigation and today is a detective at the Hermitage Precinct. Ball, 51, is a 26-year police department veteran. He and his wife, Diann, have been married for 31 years. They have



three children and four grandchildren. "Jeff's love of police work and his outstanding performance, even on days when the old injuries cause him discomfort, are part of this police department's backbone," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "I am very proud of him, and I am most grateful to the Theodore Roosevelt Association's Jim Summerville and his colleagues for recognizing Jeff and his contributions to our city."

The Theodore Roosevelt Association established this awards program in honor of Theodore Roosevelt's distinguished service as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City from 1895 to 1897, and in recognition of his lifelong admiration for the police. Nashville is one of a handful of cities in the United States to present the Roosevelt Award. Others include New York City, Buffalo and upstate New York, Boston, Long Island, Dallas and Philadelphia. "All his life, Theodore Roosevelt had an interest in the work of the police, and declared that there were no better people anywhere," said Theodore Roosevelt Association President Norm Parsons of Sea Cliff, New York. "He'd be proud to be in Nashville today to

shake the hand of Detective Jeff Ball and say, 'Bully!'"

The generous support of Sprint/Nextel Communications made the 2006 award possible. Through Sprint/Nextel's generosity, and that of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, Detective Ball received a \$1,000 cash award, a medal, and a bust of Theodore Roosevelt. A bronze plaque, which bears a likeness of Roosevelt, and which is currently on display in the lobby of police headquarters, now includes the inscription of Detective Ball's name.



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Past Metro Police recipients of the Theodore Roosevelt Award were Sgt. Phillip Sage (1998), Detective Clifford Mann (1999), Detective Frank Pierce (2000), Sergeant James (Jimbo) Allen (2001), Officer William Richardson (2002), Detective Joe Cooper (2003), Officer Horace Temple (2004) and Officer Foster Hite (2005). Information about the activities of the Theodore Roosevelt Association is available on the Internet, http://www.theodoreroosevelt.org.



Pictured (I-r) The Theodore Roosevelt Association's Jim Summerville, Brenda Wilt of Sprint/Nextel Communications, Detective Jeff Ball, Diann Ball and The Theodore Roosevelt Association's Bruce Holley.



Detective Ball was presented with this bust of Theodore Roosevelt. The bronze plaque, bearing Detective Ball's name and those of previous Roosevelt award winners, is in the lobby of police headquarters.



Pictured (I-r) Chief Ronal Serpas, Detective Ball and Deputy Chief Steve Anderson.

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# NATIONAL POLICE WEEK: MAY 14-20, 2006

In observance of National Police Week, the Andrew Jackson Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police sponsored its annual memorial service on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, in tribute to Nashville's officers who have died in the line of duty.

The service honored the 43 law enforcement officers who have died in service since 1875. Officer Christie Dedman was the last Metro officer killed in the line of duty on July 19, 2004, after being struck by a tractor-trailer while assisting a stranded motorist on I-40.





300+ Police Officers from all over the world which participated in the Police Unity Tour.



Several MNPD officers participated in the Police Unity Tour, a cross-country bike ride that kicked off in California and concluded in Washington, DC on May 15th at the National peace Officers' Memorial Service on the West Lawn of the US Capitol building. The tour made numerous stops along the way to honor fallen officers.

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# G.R.E.A.T. - GANG RESISTANCE EDUCATION & TRAINING

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department's G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) Program was selected by the U.S. Department of Justice to be featured in an collaborative web cast titled "Preventing Gangs in Our Communities." During the first of a two-part series on May 23, 2006, the MNPD's G.R.E.A.T. Program, in particular the G.R.E.A.T. Families Program, was highlighted by Officer Thomas Jackson and supported by Officer Steve Ryum. "It is quite an honor for the Metro Police Department and Officer Jackson to be selected by the Department of Justice out of every other police department in the nation to be represented in this prestigious national web cast," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "I am proud of the hard work and dedication Officers Jackson and Ryum put into this program on a weekly basis."





The G.R.E.A.T. Families Program is an established and mandatory component of the national program. The MNPD's program serves as the model by which law enforcement agencies throughout the United States are trained to conduct their programs. The Metro Nashville Police Department's Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Summer Camp graduation was on Friday, July 21, 2006, in the auditorium of Whites Creek High School. School Resource officers operated a series of camps in 2006 following the curriculum set by the G.R.E.A.T. summer program. The officers sponsored two free camps at Whites Creek High School from June 19 through June 30 and from July 10 through July 21. During the summer months, the camps reinforce the skills and values students learn during the school year, and offer a fun and educational opportunity for children who have successfully completed the G.R.E.A.T. program.

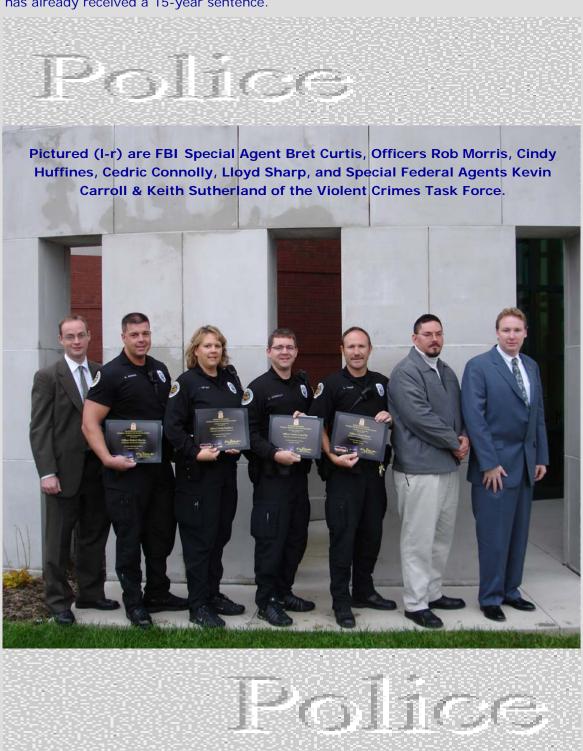




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# FBI PRESENTS CERTIFICATES TO BICYCLE OFFICERS

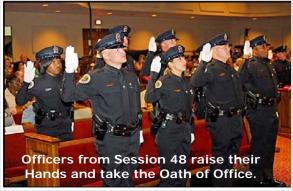
On October 20th, 2006, the FBI presented certificates of appreciation to four Metro Police bicycle officers for their outstanding work in gathering intelligence during an investigation of the Gangster Disciples gang in North Nashville. The officers' actions and hard work greatly contributed to the successful federal prosecution of gang members, one of whom has already received a 15-year sentence.



#### POLICE GRADUATES

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Mayor Bill Purcell and Chief Ronal Serpas welcomed 21 new members to the police force as the city's officers graduated from 4 ½ months of training, received their badges and took the oath of office. The graduation ceremony was held at Christ Church in South Nashville. After graduation, the new officers rode along with a precinct field training officer for five to six months before patrolling the streets solo.





On July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Mayor Purcell and Chief Serpas welcomed 16 members of Police Recruit Session 50, who were embarking on their 22-weeks of training to become police officers. Fifteen members were police officer trainees. The other was a police officer who returned to the department from a disability pension.



On September 13th, 2006, Nashville's police force grew by 20 as the members of police recruit session 49 graduated from five months of training, received their badges and took the oath of office. The graduation ceremony was held at Church of God Sanctified, 1230 West Trinity Lane. After graduation, the new officers spent five to six months with precinct field training officers before patrolling the streets by themselves.

Also on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the Metro police force grew by 17 as the city's newest police officers graduated from several months of training, received their badges and took the oath of office. The graduation ceremony was held at Schrader Lane Church in North Nashville. For the first time, the police department graduated two classes at the same time. The ten members of Session 50, a basic recruit class, began training on July 17. The seven members of Session 51, a lateral class consisting of law enforcement professionals from other jurisdictions, began training on October 2. Also, after graduation, the new officers spent five to six months with precinct field training officers before patrolling the

streets by themselves.



#### PROMOTIONS

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Chief Ronal Serpas announced the promotion of 13 supervisors, two lieutenants to the rank of captain and eleven sergeants to the rank of lieutenant, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Serpas and Mayor Bill Purcell congratulated the 13 and presented them with their new badges. These 13 outstanding police professionals have a combined 160 years of service to the citizens of Nashville," Serpas said. "They are committed to doing all they can to ensure the safety of our neighborhoods and will be integral members of the department's mid-level management team. I look forward to what I know will be many important successes under their leadership."

#### Those promoted were:

- Captain Mike Alexander, a 15-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2001 and lieutenant in 2004. He was most recently assigned as the Hermitage Precinct's evening shift supervisor and is now one of the department's Captain Field Supervisors.
- Captain David Imhof, a 13-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2001 and lieutenant in 2004. He was most recently assigned as the South Precinct's midnight shift supervisor and is now one of the department's Captain Field Supervisors.
- **Lieutenant Kenny Dyer**, an 18-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2000. He was most recently assigned to the Training Academy and is now the South Precinct's midnight shift supervisor.
- **Lieutenant Terrence Graves**, a nine-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2004. He was most recently assigned to South Patrol and is now the North Precinct's day shift supervisor.
- Lieutenant Damian Huggins, a 14-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2000. He was most recently assigned to North Patrol and is now the East Precinct's day shift supervisor.
- **Lieutenant Brian Johnson**, a 13-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2004. He was most recently assigned to Central Patrol and is now the South Precinct's evening shift supervisor.
- Lieutenant Natalie Lokey, a ten-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2004. She was most recently assigned to the Training Academy and is now the Hermitage Precinct's day shift supervisor.
- Lieutenant William Mackall, a 14-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2001. He was most recently assigned to the Specialized Investigations Division and is now the North Precinct's evening shift supervisor.
- **Lieutenant Justin Pinkelton**, a ten-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2004. He was most recently assigned to Central Patrol and is now the East Precinct's evening shift supervisor.
- Lieutenant Ben Rodgers, a ten-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2004. He was most recently assigned to East Patrol and is now the Central Precinct's midnight shift supervisor.

- Lieutenant Andrea Swisher, a 13-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2001. She was most recently assigned to the Domestic Violence Division and is now the Central Precinct's evening shift supervisor.
- **Lieutenant Horace Temple**, a ten-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2004. He was most recently assigned to East Patrol and is now the Hermitage Precinct's evening shift supervisor.
- **Lieutenant Doug Vinson**, an eleven-year police department veteran who was promoted to sergeant in 2004. He was most recently assigned to South Patrol and is now the West Precinct's midnight shift supervisor.

Also, a number of existing lieutenants took on new assignments effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. They include:

- Lt. Randy Alexander, who transferred from North Patrol to head South Precinct investigations;
- Lt. Charles Beasley, who transferred from South Patrol to the Training Academy;
- Lt. Melvin Brown, who transferred from Fugitives to become the South Precinct's day shift supervisor;
- Lt. Charles Carter, who transferred from the Traffic Section to the Specialized Investigations Division;
- Lt. David Corman, who transferred from East Patrol to head the Traffic Section;
- Lt. Warren McConkey, who transferred from Central Patrol to the Specialized Investigations Division;
- Lt. Shawn Parris, who transferred from East Patrol to head the School Crossing Guard Section;
- Lt. Pat Taylor, who transferred from South Precinct investigations to head the Homicide/Cold Case Unit.



Mayor Bill Purcell and Chief Ronal Serpas celebrated the promotion of two new captains and eleven new lieutenants. Pictured (I-r) are Mayor Purcell, Lt. Andrea Swisher, Lt. William Mackall, Lt. Terrence Graves, Chief Serpas, Lt. Natalie Lokey, Lt. Justin Pinkelton, Capt. David Imhof, Lt. Doug Vinson, Lt. Damian Huggins, Lt. Ben Rodgers, Lt. Kenny Dyer, Lt. Brian Johnson and Capt. Mike Alexander. Not pictured is Lt. Horace Temple.

# TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES HONORED BY STATE

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the Metropolitan Police Department won a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria fully loaded with police equipment as part of the Law Enforcement Challenge Awards Program sponsored by the Governor's Highway Safety Office. The Metropolitan Police Department was one of 25 agencies recognized for its traffic enforcement and education programs designed to help reduce crashes and impaired driving. Deputy Police Chief Joseph Bishop selected the winning Crown Victoria key in a random drawing.

The vehicle came equipped with radar and laser systems, camera equipment and an 800 mhz radio.

And a few days before, eight Metro police officers were recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers for their enforcement efforts during 2005. Three Metro officers, Wallace Taylor, Ron Bright and Ron Lucarini, were recognized for each making more than 200 DUI arrests last year. They were the only police officers in the state to attain 200 or more DUI arrests last year. Five Metro officers, Harold Taylor, Phil Shuler, Robert Russell, Mark Woodfin and Tommy Cole, were recognized for making between 100 and 200 DUI arrests during 2005.



<sup>&</sup>quot;I am very proud of these eight police officers and their tremendous work in taking impaired drivers off of Nashville's streets and highways," Chief Ronal Serpas said.

# POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Hermitage Precinct Detective Jeff Ball was honored by the Donelson Hermitage Chamber of Commerce as its 2006 Police Officer of the Year.

Ball, a 27-year police department veteran, was recognized for his outstanding investigative work that led to arrests in a string of Waffle House robbery cases. He was also instrumental in identifying the suspects in a rash of automobile burglaries in which the victims' credit cards were used by the defendants to buy merchandise.

"Detective Ball is a committed, professional and dedicated member of the Metro Police Department who always displays a positive can-do attitude," Hermitage Precinct Commander Michelle Richter said. "He works tirelessly on investigations and is truly deserving of this award."

Earlier in 2006, Ball received the Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award for returning to work despite the very critical injuries he received in a 1987 collision when a taxi cab pulled into the path of his police motorcycle. After several surgeries and months of rehabilitation, Ball returned to work in 1988.

"I had wanted to be a police officer from the time I was five or six," Ball said. "I enjoy my work—and I wasn't ready to retire."



Detective Jeff Ball receives congratulations from Donelson Hermitage Chamber of Commerce President John Bennett.

# WOUNDED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

On October 27th, 2006, one of our finest, Officer Danita Marsh, was brutally, cowardly, and callously attacked while performing her duties in the most exemplary fashion. Officer Marsh had responded to a call for assistance from the victim of a domestic violence episode. Officer Marsh has suffered life-altering injuries in the pursuit of justice as she worked to make North Nashville a safer place for its families, friends, and visitors. Danita has undergone many surgical procedures at Vanderbilt University Medical Center due to this incident. Danita's mother, Vivian, like her daughter, is a very strong woman. She is deeply grateful for all of the support and prayers from members of the police department and the Nashville community.

As we reflect on this incident, it is critical to point out that in a tragedy such as this we witness the depth and greatness of the human spirit. As this horrible event



unfolded, not one, but several persons immediately provided assistance to Officer Marsh and the domestic violence victim in this case, Danielle McDowell. Ms. McDowell's brother, upon hearing the gun shots, immediately went to the aid of his sister – likely saving her life and the life of Officer Marsh. Moreover, two off-duty EMTs, Ben McCoy and Truman Stubblefield, persons who witnessed something that "just didn't look right" as they were driving to work, rushed to the scene to help save Officer Marsh and tend to the injuries of Ms. McDowell.

In events such as this, it is also very important for us all to remember the support and efforts of so many who immediately pressed themselves into service to help save Officer Marsh's life. On behalf of the police department and a community that has been impacted by Officer Marsh's injuries, we thank Dr. John Morris and the entire medical staff at Vanderbilt, the Metro Fire Department's EMTs and paramedics, the Emergency Communications Center staff and the numerous local, county and state law enforcement officers who assisted in the apprehension of the gunman and convicted killer Willie Lee Lindsey. I also express my deepest and most heartfelt thanks to the men and women of the Metro Police Department, who, in this time of great tragedy, performed their duties in the most professional way imaginable. We are also grateful to the citizens of Nashville and our neighbors for the unfailing support and prayers for Officer Marsh, her family, and the men and women who wear the badge. Officer Marsh's injuries and duty remind the city just how important our police officers are, and our city reminds all of us in blue how much we are supported at times such as these.



# PATROL OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Officer Danita Marsh was named the Metropolitan Police Department's Patrol Officer of the Year for 2006 and visited the North Precinct Station for the first time since she was ambushed and critically wounded while assisting a domestic assault victim on October 27th, 2006.

Officer Marsh, who suffered life-altering injuries as she worked to make North Nashville a safer place, came to the awards ceremony in a wheel chair and received a standing ovation as she entered the room.

"Danita is a true inspiration to all of us in this police department," Chief Ronal Serpas said.

"Her courage and determination are amazing and encouraging."

Officer Marsh is a three-year veteran of the department.





Chief Ronal Serpas presents the Patrol Officer of the Year Award to Officer Danita Marsh.



Pictured (I-r) are Chief Ronal Serpas, Officer Marsh, Nurse Brittany Hill, and Officer Marsh's mother, Vivian.

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# FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU: POLICE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Officers Rob Morris and Cedric Connolly were named the Field Operations Bureau's 2006 Police Officers of the Year for their teamwork in policing an area just south of downtown.

Officers Morris and Connolly were paired together to work in crime hotspots surrounding the Napier and Sudekum public housing developments. These two officers made an awesome team. In one month alone, they seized a total of eight weapons, including an improvised explosive, a sawed-off shotgun, and other firearms. In that month, they also seized more than 12 grams of cocaine, 160 grams of marijuana, two bullet proof vests, \$2750 cash and one car. Many of those arrested were persons of interest in other criminal cases.

"The dedicated and outstanding police work of Rob and Cedric, along with that of officers like them, is the reason overall crime has fallen in Nashville during each of the past three years," Chief Ronal Serpas said.

Morris is a ten-year police department veteran. Connolly is an eleven-year veteran of the department.



Pictured (I-r) are Chief Ronal Serpas, Officer Rob Morris, and Officer Cedric Connolly

# INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU: INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Gang Unit Detective Matt Chance was named the Metropolitan Police Department's Investigative Services Bureau Investigator of the Year for 2006 for his outstanding work on the notorious MS-13 gang.

Detective Chance's investigative efforts significantly contributed to the federal grand jury indictment in January, 2007, of 13 gang members on charges that they conspired to participate in a violent racketeering enterprise. The indictment alleged that Nashville-based MS-13 members and associates killed three people, attempted to kill at least seven others, and plotted to shoot or kill additional individuals in Nashville during 2006. All of the defendants are now in custody.

"This was a significant criminal case and Nashvillians are safer because of the work of Detective Chance, his colleagues in the Gang Unit, and our federal law enforcement partners," Chief Ronal Serpas said.

Detective Chance is an eight-year police department veteran.



Chief Ronal Serpas presents the Investigative Services Bureau Investigator of the Year Award to Detective Matt Chance.

## BOSWELL'S TOY PARADE

On October 22nd, 2006, motorcycle enthusiasts from across Nashville took part in Boswell's 11th annual Toy Parade which benefits the Metropolitan Police Department's Christmas Basket Program. The event is the largest single fundraiser for the police-sponsored charity that has been helping Nashville's needy for 45 years. Motorcycle riders lined up at Boswell's Harley-Davidson, 401 Fesslers Lane, for a fun ride to Coaches Sports Bar on Rivergate Parkway in Goodlettsville, where music, fun and food awaited.













This motorcycle event grows with each passing year. We would like to thank Bubba Boswell and his staff and the many riders who participate in this parade who help us help the families of Nashville.

# CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM



Hundreds of men, women and children comprising more than 200 needy Nashville families received food and toys from Metro police officers Christmas Eve morning as the police department's annual Christmas Basket Program entered its 45th year.

In its inception, the program served two families. Over the years, requests for assistance and those actually helped by the program have steadily grown. Families are chosen at the recommendation of police officers who come into contact with them during the year.

On Christmas 2006, approximately 400 needy children received toys from the Christmas Basket Program. Thirty needy elderly citizens and 15 Alive Hospice families also were served. Contributions from hundreds of police department



personnel, both sworn and civilian, and from the Nashville community fund the program.

"The Christmas Basket Program is tremendous and has helped disadvantaged Nashville families and elderly persons since 1961," Chief Serpas said. "I am very appreciative of the department's dedicated staff and the generosity of persons in our community who have helped make this tradition a success for 45 years." Officers began gathering to put the finishing touches on the baskets at 5:30 a.m., Sunday, December 24, inside the cafeteria of the old Tennessee State Prison located just off Centennial Boulevard in West Nashville. Delivery of the baskets and toys began at 6 a.m. Central Precinct Commander Andy Garrett is the police department's volunteer coordinator and "Chief Elf" of the Christmas Basket Program.



### 2006 TENNESSEE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The 2006 Polar Bear Plunge was a big success. We raised \$7,400 for Tennessee Special Olympics. Our top fund raiser was Melissa Davidson - \$1,594; 2nd was Billy Terrell - \$650.00; and 3rd was Paul & Lindsey Thompson - \$501.00. We had 30 plungers and several "cheerleaders". There were a total of about 100 participants in all. This was an excellent turnout considering the original date had to be changed. Thanks again for participating in the "2006" Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics!

#### Where Do the Funds Go?

The majority of money raised through the Torch Run stays right in our community, helping our local Special Olympics Program grow. 60% of every fund raising dollar benefits hometown Special Olympics athletes, while 40% is used for the benefit of Special Olympic programs across the state.

#### What can these Funds do?

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Provide</u>
\$25	12 gold medals for a winning softball team
\$50	Lunch for 10 athletes at the Summer Games
\$100	Training for 40 coaches
\$300	Housing, meals, and transportation for two athletes to participate in the Summer Games
\$500	Uniforms & sports equipment for a 10 member Soccer team
\$2,000	A reception for the families of Special Olympics athletes at the Summer Games
\$5,000	Entire funding for the Unified Basketball Tournament



Law enforcement officers from across the state of Tennessee, including 42 recruits from Metro Nashville Police Department, participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The run started in front of Franklin Police Department and concluded at David Lipscomb University. MNPD recruits joined the run from Cofer's Chapel, located at Franklin Road and Caldwell Lane.

Officers carried the "Flame of Hope" to the opening ceremonies of the Tennessee Special Olympics State Summer Games. Over 1,000 athletes filled the gymnasium eagerly awaiting the arrival of the runners who lit the torch to officially start the games.



The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard LaMunyon saw an urgent need to raise funds and increase awareness of Special Olympics. He conceived of the idea of a Torch Run as a way to involve local law enforcement personnel in the community with the Special Olympics.

Three years later, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) leant its support and leadership, as well as the involvement of all facets of the law enforcement community such as the sheriff's associations, police unions, state, county, municipal, military, and federal law enforcement agencies and corrections officers.

In 1986, the IACP conference was held in Nashville, Tennessee. During the conference, Metro Police Chief Joe Casey initiated the Tennessee Law Enforcement Torch Run. In 1995, Chief Turner appointed Captain Ron Hooper to oversee the Metro Police Department's involvement with the Torch Run. Captain Hooper has since retired, but the Metro Nashville Police Department has watched its commitment grow from \$50,000 in 1995 to more than \$100,000.

#### COMMANDER DANNY BAKER RETIRES

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, East Precinct Commander Daniel Paul Baker retired from the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department bringing a distinguished 36-year law enforcement career to a close. He had commanded the East Precinct for the past 14 years. "During my nearly three years as chief, Commander Baker has consistently exemplified himself as a caring and consummate professional," Serpas said. "I am very proud of Commander Baker's dedicated career and tremendous accomplishments over the years, as well as the accomplishments of all the men and woman who have had the opportunity to serve under him at the East Precinct and elsewhere." Commander Baker was hired as a civilian employee on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1970. His assignments and promotions during his 36-year career with the police department are as followed:

07-16-72	Patrol Officer Trainee	01-01-73	Graduated to Police Officer
01-01-78	Promoted to Sergeant / Transferred to Communications		
04-16-78	Transferred to East Patrol		
07-01-82	Promoted to Lieutenant / Transferred to Communications		
01-01-84	Transferred to South Patrol		
07-16-87	Promoted to Captain / Transferred to Warrants		
02-01-88	Transferred to West Patrol	11-01-90	Transferred to Training
05-16-92	Transferred to East Patrol	05-17-04	Promoted to Commander
12-31-06	Pensioned at East Precinct		

During his 36 years, Commander Baker received no less than 87 letters of appreciation and commendation. He was the recipient of the department's Meritorious Service Award twice. He also received the Judge John L. Draper Odd Fellow Award.



On his last day at work, Commander Danny Baker received a case containing all of his Metro Police Department badges over his 36-year career. Pictured at the case presentation (I-r) are Deputy Chief Steve Anderson, Baker, Deputy Chief Honey Pike, Deputy Chief Joseph Bishop and Chief Ronal Serpas.





# MORE RETIREES.....



#### BALLISTICS EXAMINERS RECEIVE ATF AWARD

Special Agent in Charge James Cavanaugh of the Nashville Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announced on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, that Chief Ronal Serpas and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD) have been recognized for exceeding 100 "hits" in their use of ATF's computerized ballistic imaging system. ATF's National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) is a computerized ballistic imaging system that uses the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) technology to allow firearms technicians and examiners to acquire, digitize and compare unique markings made by a firearm on bullets and cartridge casings recovered from crime scenes.

The IBIS system in Nashville is operated by the MNPD's Technical Investigative Section, Forensics and Firearms Unit. Recent work with IBIS by the MNPD's Forensics and Firearms Unit has led to solving two homicides in Nashville in 2006 (the February 12, 2006, murder of Tevin Upkins on 23rd Avenue North and the June 6, 2006, murder of Michael Adams on Nix Drive). "The MNPD has worked hard using IBIS to its fullest potential day in and day out", said Cavanaugh. "IBIS is a valuable tool in fighting violent gun crime. The program helps law enforcement identify shooting suspects, apprehend criminals at large and ultimately begin the court process." Chief Serpas added, "Time and again, the IBIS system has proven to be a vitally important tool in getting dangerous, gun carrying criminals out of Nashville's neighborhoods and behind bars. I am very proud of the partnership the Metropolitan Police Department shares with ATF. Nashvillians are safer because of it."ATF currently deploys IBIS technology at 204 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and forensic laboratories nationwide. Four of those sites are in Tennessee.



Pictured (I-r) are Lt. Darrell Ryan, Officers Mike Baker & Kendall Jaeger, Sgt. Brad Johns, Officer Wayne Hughes, ATF Special Agent Bob Findley, ATF firearms expert Dave Kreigbaum, and Officer Mike Pyburn

#### MOUNTED HORSE PATROL

The Metro Nashville Police Department's Horse Mounted Patrol riding their beautiful Tennessee Walking Horses has been in existence for nearly 7 years serving the city of Nashville 24 hours a day 365 days a year. The unit is seen all over Nashville, working over 500 events and assignments; everything from the Titan games to the Downtown areas such as the District, Lower Broadway, and Music Row. They come in contact with hundreds of thousands of tourist and convention goers from around the world. This makes them not only Good Will Ambassadors for the City of Nashville, but the Tennessee Walking Horse industry. Just ask any of the officers and they will tell you, "This is the greatest horse in the world."

#### Officers riding today:

Sgt. J.D. Harber

Officer Rita Harden

Officer David Misrany

Officer Karen Krause

Officer Paul Boyd

Officer Theresa Gross



Officers on the bridge at the Music City Bowl.



Officers posted at Woodland Street Bridge during a Titan's game (I-r): Karen Krause, Theresa Gross, and Rita Harden.

#### INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department's Information Technology Division (MNPD IT) supports all police department computer related hardware and software, and has a dedicated staff of 32 professionals. This year MNPD IT supported 140 Police applications on various platforms that comprise MNPD's entire computer systems of which 95 were written by MNPD IT staff. MNPD IT supports 4200 users, 1240 Desktops, 710 Mobile Data Computers. Additionally, 97 outside agencies both in Davidson County and surrounding counties, use the MNPD Records Management System. These agencies have a combined 2611 users, 1035 Desktops and 75 Mobile Data Computers. Thirty three (33) of these agencies have arrest rights within the Metropolitan Nashville area.

The Advanced Records Management System (ARMS) project started in 2004 and has progressed to Phase II with a target "go live" date in early 2008. This project consolidates 8 disparate systems and will support Automated Field Reporting and a fully integrated Case Management system.



#### 2006 Major Accomplishments

#### Advanced Records Management project continues:

The Advanced Records Management project will ultimately change the way Police Officers do their job in Davidson and surrounding counties by providing Automated Field Reporting and comprehensive Case Management tracking. During this second year of the implementation phase, the MNPD IT Division completed the "discovery" process and finalized the overall system design. This project is still on target for complete development, testing and training in 2008.

#### Mobile Data Computer (MDC) replacement:

The Fujitsu tablet laptop was selected and installed in 130 of 710 vehicles designated for this new Mobile Data Computer installation. These are being incrementally installed in all of the MNPD's current 580 Patrol vehicles and additiona 130 specialized unit vehicles. Also part of this project will be the purchase of printers that fit inside the patrol vehicles to support our future Automated Field Reporting portion of the Advanced Records Management Project.

#### WorkBrain Time Accounting System:

The Mainframe Police Time Accounting system replacement was completed during this year, to include MYTIME (allows employees to see detailed accrued time totals), Online Payroll Transactions (allows employee to see paycheck hour details), and Roll Call Report (electronic submission of on duty Officers to 911 Operators),

- Immigration (ICE) Queries added to the Booking Process:
   Automated ICE queries updated and manual request capability added to Booking Process.
- TIESNET (Tennessee Information Enforcement System) connection completed:
   The MNPD IT Division provided direct, secured connection to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for access to all NCIC related material.
- Data Center Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) upgrade:
   The MNPD IT Division updated the Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) that supports all MNPD Data Center processes.

#### Online Traffic School:

The MNPD IT Division completed an interface to the Online Traffic School Web site to provide Traffic History information real-time.

#### Officer Activity:

MNPD completed a web application to capture Officer daily activity.

#### MNPD Data Center Expansion:

The MNPD Data Center expanded to house all Justice Information Systems.



### CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department has had a Chaplain Section within the department for several years, and the Chaplains were all Sworn Officers. Officers that are assigned to the Chaplain Section are placed in a specific unit, which on the organizational chart, falls under the Behavioral Health Services Division of the department. The Sworn Metro Police Chaplain is a paid position of the Metro Police Department.

In June of 2005, the Metro Police Department implemented a Volunteer Chaplain Program so the local Clergy of various faiths in the community volunteer their time and services as Chaplains here in Nashville, Tennessee. Their services are all voluntary, and they are not paid for their services.



The Volunteer Chaplain's are certified by the Chief of Police after completing a background check and successfully have completed all the required training designed for the position of Chaplain.

The major duties of the Chaplains are to assist Officer's on crisis incidents to where serious bodily injury of death has occurred and the next of kin needs to be notified. They also offer support to the community, all police personnel and their families in times of crisis.

The operating budget for the Chaplain Section is handled through the Behavioral Health Service Division and the Fiscal Affairs Department.

The Volunteer Chaplain program is a valuable resource for the Metro Police Department and the Nashville Community. In 2006, 236 death notifications were conducted by the chaplains.



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

#### **2006 CASE SUMMARY**

Complaints and Investigation Brought Over From 2005	30
Complaints and Investigations Initiated In 2006	88
Total Investigations In 2006	118
Total Investigations Completed In 2006	83
Investigations Carried Over Into 2007	28
Of the 83 completed cases, the alleged violations were resolved as for	ollows:
Charges Exonerated	10
Charges Sustained	
Charges Unfounded	24
Charges Not Sustained	
Policy Failure	2
Matter of Record	6
Total Charges Resolved	60

"Exonerated" means an incident did occur but the action was consistent with established policy, rules, or procedure.

"Sustained" means that the allegation(s) is supported by sufficient evidence and further action is recommended.

"Unfounded" means that allegation(s) is not valid or is untrue.

"Not Sustained" means that there is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation(s).

#### **Total Disciplinary Actions:**

Termination	5
Resignation Prior to Hearing	3
Oral Reprimand	39
Written Reprimand	132
Suspension	106

# TOP CITIZEN INITIATED CALLS FOR SERVICE

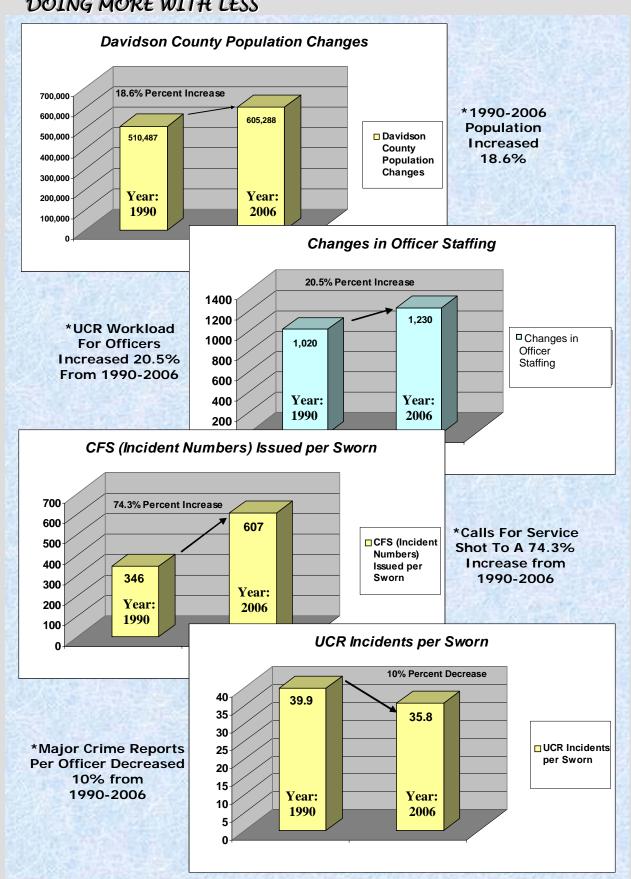
These are the 2006 Calls For Service excluding self initiating calls, making up over 85% of citizen initiated calls.

Description	CFS	Percent
Want Officer for Investigation / Assistance	126253	28.26%
Theft	43372	9.71%
Disorderly Person	42700	9.56%
Vehicle Accident - Property Damage	39674	8.88%
Suspicious Person	27703	6.20%
Burglary - Residence	26812	6.00%
Burglary - Non-Residence	26708	5.98%
Safety Hazard	24288	5.44%
Domestic Disturbance	19061	4.27%
Vehicle Blocking Right-of-Way	10704	2.40%





### DOING MORE WITH LESS



#### 2006 REPORTED INDEX CRIMES

Overall in Nashville and Davidson County, reported index crimes decreased by 4.58% from calendar year 2005 to 2006. Homicide, forcible rape, aggravated assault, larceny, and motor theft all demonstrated Burglary and robbery demonstrated increases. At the same time, the total physical arrests decreased by 0.8% from 2005 to 2006. 249,927 calls were received that required police response during 2006. This demonstrated a 0.9% decrease in calls requiring a police response. During 2006, there were an average of 603 incidents per sworn. This is a further indication that officers are working harder than ever before. The 2006 statistics demonstrate that the number of property crimes is at its lowest level since 1991 (16 years) and decreased 5.4% from 2005. Motor vehicle theft was also the crime category with the most significant percent of change from 2005 to 2006 with a 7.7% decrease. Homicide was down 16.5%, forcible rape was down 5.1% and aggravated assault was down 2.8%. violent crimes decreased 1.2%. On the other hand, burglary was up 3.0% and robbery was up 3.9% over the 2005 figures. The increase in robbery significantly impacted the total violent crime count.

However, if one assesses the crime rate determined by comparing reported crimes against Davidson County population estimates, female population estimates for rape, and the number of registered vehicles for auto theft, significant decreases can be noted. The last year that the overall, property, motor vehicle theft crime rates were lower than the 2006 rates was in 1985 (21 years ago). The last year that the property crime rate was lower was in 1979. The last year that the forcible rape rate per female was lower than 2006 was in 1979. Aggravated assault rate was at its lowest level since 1991.

In 2006, 97 persons died in 87 fatal crashes during 2006. Motor vehicle crash related deaths decreased by 7.8% and fatal crashes increased by 4.8%. Citations for moving violations decreased by 22.1% as officers wrote 166,278 tickets in 2006.

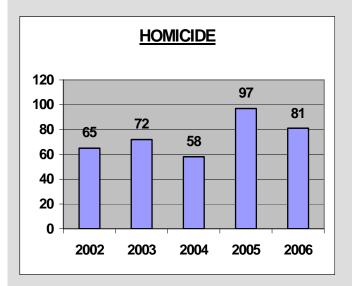
# Part One Offenses

Because of their seriousness and frequency of occurrence, these seven crimes, called Part One Offenses, serve as a basis for indicating the nation's crime rate. The FBI uses Part One totals to calculate the crime index for cities in the United States and to make comparisons.

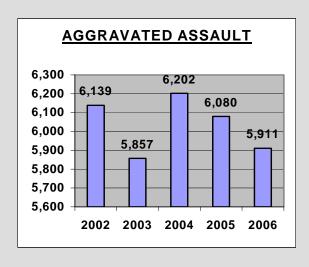
These charts depict a yearly summary for the past five years of reported criminal offenses in Nashville using Uniform Crime Reporting definitions and standards.

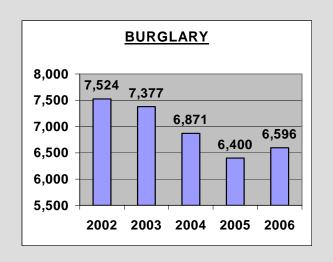
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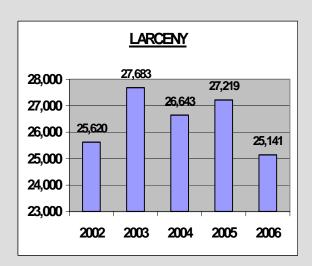
Homicide = 81 Rape = 333 Robbery = 2,521 Agg Assault = 5,911 Burglary = 6,596 Larceny = 25,141 Auto Theft = 3,083

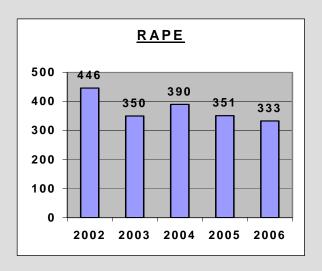


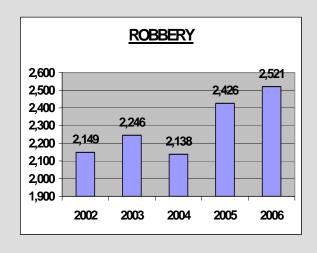
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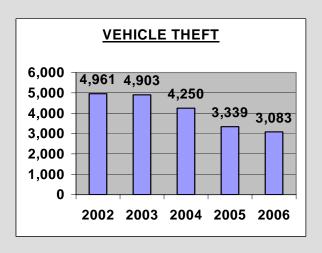






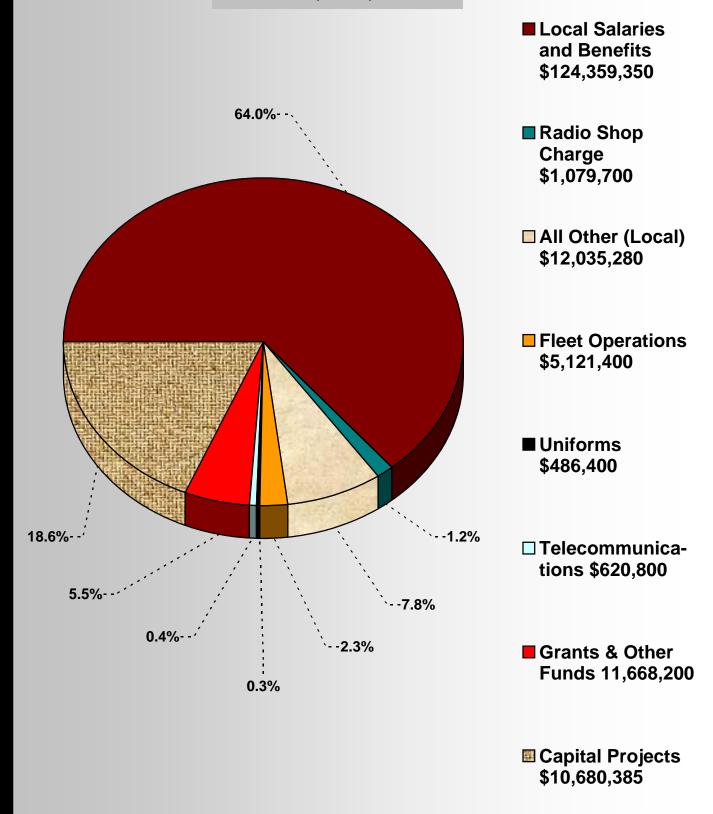






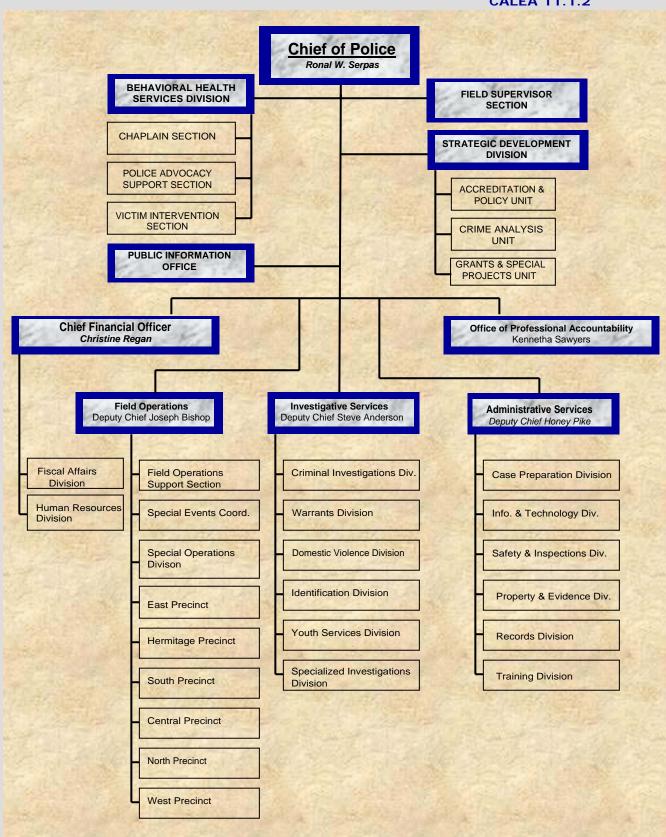
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### **Qualifications**

May apply two months prior to 21st birthday. Possess a minimum of 60 semester hours from an accredited academic university with a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average (C) on a 4.0 scale, or High School Diploma or GED and documentation of two (2) years military experience (Honorable Discharge), or High School Diploma or GED and documentation of minimum of two (2) years prior law enforcement experience in patrol capacity with P.O.S.T. certification or equivalent, or High School Diploma or GED and five (5) years of responsible work experience. Additionally, eyesight must be no worse than 20/100 (Snellen) uncorrected, 20/20 in better eye, 20/30 in other eye. Be in excellent physical and mental health with no restrictions that could restrict or impair police work.

### **Benefits**

- 1 Sick Day/Month (May Build to 120) Generous Health/Dental Benefits
  - Excellent Retirement Benefits 20 Paid Military Days
- Competitive Pay 20 Vacation Days 3 Personal Days 10 Holidays